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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: SREF, IZ, IR

SUBJECT: KURDISH REFUGEES FROM IRAQ

REF: A. GENEVA 2540; TEHRAN 3308

- 1. GOVERNMENT OF IRAN APPEARS TO HAVE MADE POLICY DECISION NOT TO ISSUE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO KURDISH REFUGEES. AS STATED IN REFTEL (B), MFA OFFICIAL INFORMALLY ADVISED DCM OF THIS FACT, NOTING ALSO THAT REFUGEES WHO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO IRAN.
- 2. SO FAR AS CONCERNS POSSIBILITY OF 203(A)(7) PROCESSING IN THIRD COUNTRIES, KEY QUESTION IS WHETHER GOI WOULD READMIT INTO IRAN REFUGEES WHO LEAVE IRAN BUT ARE THEN REJECTED FOR RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE. SINCE GOI RESPONSE TO THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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QUESTION IS CLEARLY NEGATIVE, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT

## WORTHWHILE TO PURSUE MATTER RAISED IN PARA ONE REFTEL(A).

3. IF INS REPRESENTATIVE DOES IN FACT COME TO IRAN TO PROCESS CONDITIONAL ENTRANCE APPLICATIONS, PRESUME U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO WAIVE PASSPORT REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, DEPT. REQUESTED TO ADVISE U.S. MISSION GENEVA WHETHER IT WISHES UNHOR TO ATTEMPT ARRANGE WITH ICRC ISSUANCE ONE-WAY RED CROSS TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO SUCCESSFUL 203(A)(7) APPLICANTS. HELMS

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